

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT  
APPLICATION**

Attorney Docket No.: 00-P-23062A

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **A SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR UNIFIED ROUTING OF MAILPIECES AND PROCESSING SENDER NOTIFICATIONS**, the specification of which:

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  X   is attached hereto

       was filed on                                 

as Application Serial No.                                 

and was amended on                                   
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, 1.56(a).

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Prior Foreign Application(s) Priority Claimed

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			Yes	No

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**English Language Declaration**

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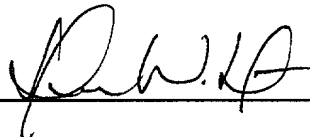
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For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR UNIFIED ROUTING OF MAILPIECES AND PROCESSING SENDER NOTIFICATIONS**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR UNIFIED ROUTING OF MAILPIECES AND PROCESSING SENDER NOTIFICATIONS** described in

- (x) the specification filed herewith
- ( ) application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_
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SIGNATURE OF INVENTOR

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